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RE: Application Serial No. 09/334,974  
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Docket #115-3189-U / Continuation  
Dennis Foster et al  
Serial No. 09/334,974  
Process for Applying Protective and Decorative  
Coating on an Article

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- 1) Combined Amendment & Petition for Extension  
transmittal (in dup.)
- 2) Amendment responsive to the O.A. of June 14, 2001
- 3) Request to charge Masco Corp. Dep.  
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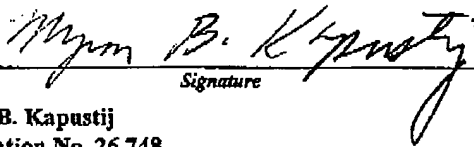


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

 Docket No.  
115-3189-U

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1753

Examiner: G. Cantelmo

PATENT

Applicants: Dennis Foster et al

Serial No. 09/334,974

Filed: June 17, 1999

Title: PROCESS FOR APPLYING PROTECTIVE  
AND DECORATIVE COATING ON AN ARTICLE

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2001 please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 55-63.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1.[amended four times] A process of depositing a multi layer  
coating on at least a portion of an article surface comprising:

depositing by electroplating at least one metal or metal  
alloy containing layer on at least a portion of said article  
surface;

subjecting said article surface having said at least one  
electroplated layer thereon to pulses of air to dry and clean  
said electroplated article surface; and

depositing by physical vapor deposition on at least a  
portion of said dry and clean electroplated layer at least one

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